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Application No.: 10/677,983

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Examiner: A. M. Falk

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the captioned application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121 enumerated as Groups I-XI.

In response to the request for Restriction, Applicants hereby elect Group III, claims 9-13. This election is made with traverse. The subject matter of claims 4-8, 22-24 and 27 is claimed in U.S. Patent 6,660,474, which issued from the parent application. Accordingly, these claims are being cancelled.

Notwithstanding the alleged differences in classification between the claims in Group III and Group IV, Applicants respectfully request a modification of the requirement so as to join claims 14, 25 and 26 with the elected claims, for purposes of examination. The claims of Group IV also recite a GRK4 protein. Thus, it would certainly appear that the search that would be conducted to determine whether the

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claims of Group III, are patentable would be fairly, if not substantially coextensive with the search in connection with Group IV.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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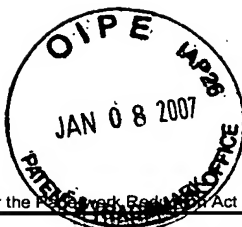
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2006		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	10/677,983-Conf. #9056
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FEE CALCULATION							
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES							
	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>	
<u>Application Type</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
						<u>Small Entity</u>	
						<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
<u>Fee Description</u>							
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
<u>Total Claims</u>		<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>		
<u>37</u>		<u>- 38 =</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>		<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.							
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE							
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).							
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4. OTHER FEE(S)							
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)						<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>	
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